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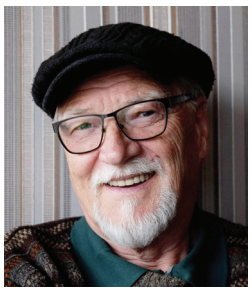
Ukrainian dance troupe coming to the Highlands

Jennifer Doroniuk & Paul Doroniuk perform the Trepak in *The Nutcracker* ballet in Haliburton 2015. /Photo by Barb Fraser



GEORGE FARRELL
On Arts

THE LOCAL organization DH3 (Dance Happens Here Haliburton), which is part of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative, is bringing four dancers from the Verba Ukrainian Dance Company to Haliburton. The dancers will be guest artists in the annual production of *The Nutcracker Ballet*, as well as being the feature performers in a special event taking place in the Great Hall at Fleming College.

The Verba Ukrainian Dance Company is a collective of dancers from Winnipeg who continually aim to learn about Ukrainian culture and dance through active involvement and collaboration in the dance community. Verba was founded in 2011 with the mandate to explore the rich Ukrainian heritage that has evolved to become a part of Canadian culture. Verba's members share a passion for learning about this unique culture, and ultimately sharing it with the greater community.

Two of the four dancers coming to the Highlands were here in 2015 and performed a short opener before *The Nutcracker*, and then danced in a segment of the ballet. This time the same concept will be performed by all four dancers.

Not everyone will be going to *The Nutcracker* performances at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Dec. 2 and 3, so to ensure that more people have the opportunity to see the Ukrainian dancers DH3 is hosting a "welcome to the community" event called *Kolomeyka*, which will be taking place in the Great Hall at Fleming College on Dec. 1.

The simple goal of DH3 is to bring professional and local dancers and choreographers together for community performances. DH3 receives funding through Canadian Heritage and other sources, and works with local partners such as the Rails End Gallery and Those Other Movies. DH3 has also partnered with the Highlands Summer Festival, The Festival of the August Moon, and Razzmatazz, as well as *The Nutcracker* ballet.

The community dance performance concept was implemented previously, for eight years, with Dusk Dances, and more recently, with the scintillating Zimbabwean music and dance troupe Nhapi Tapi, at Drumfest, which was an event of the Rails End Gallery. More recently still, at HIFF, the local film festival, which is managed by Those Other Movies, DH3 organized dance shorts before each feature film.

"Perhaps for the first time anywhere at a film festival each film was preceded by a short dance, instead of the traditional movie short," said Jim Blake, committee chair of DH3. "It was like having a sorbet between courses."

At the *Kokemeyka* event what people will see and hear are athletic Ukrainian dancers accompanied by live, traditional music. People will also get a chance to mix and mingle with the dancers while partaking of Ukrainian savories and sweets, and beverages.

"The men perform amazing acrobatic leaps," Blake said. "They wear soft shoes, so when they land there is no sound. The women are incredibly elegant and sophisticated, much like ballet dancers, and they'll all be wearing traditional Ukrainian costumes." The Verba Ukrainian Dance Company has performed with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, and according to Blake "what we're getting are the very top Ukrainian dancers in the country."

The Nutcracker ballet is presented by Heritage Ballet, at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, Dec. 3 the single performance is at 2 p.m. Tickets are $18, or $12 each for groups of four or more. Tickets are available online at onstagedirect.com/heritageballet and will also be available at the door if the show hasn't sold out.

The community *Kolomeyka* event at Fleming College will take place in the Great Hall on Friday, Dec. 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. It's a no-ticket, come-as-you-are event, with donations accepted at the door.

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Orchestra to take inspiration from Outlaws, Lovers and Heroes

NATE SMELLE
County Life Staff

The Highlands Chamber Orchestra has a special treat for music lovers in Haliburton County planned for its annual fall concert. On the evening of Saturday, Nov. 18, the orchestra will be performing, Outlaws, Lovers and Heroes, at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Principal cellist and founding member of the orchestra, Bethany Houghton said they began preparing for the show in early August to give themselves extra practice time with some of the more difficult pieces.

"This concert has a much fuller percussion section than we've ever had before," said Houghton.

"We are playing a few pieces that really get to take advantage of it, since our theme is all to do with our favourite movies and TV shows. I'm especially excited about playing *The Batman Suite*, *Game of Thrones* and *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*."

The orchestra currently consists of 40 members, however Houghton said they are always looking for new musicians. By consistently bringing on new members, she said they are able to continuously improve their music. Joining the orchestra for the Outlaws, Lovers and Heroes performance will be guest vocalist and local music teacher Beth Kipping. Musical director and the "driving force" behind the orchestra, Daniel Manley adds another exciting element to the show, said Houghton.

"The Highlands Chamber Orchestra prides itself on being an enjoyable show with great and memorable classical music," she said.

"You get to learn about the music, since Dan has great skill at telling the stories and the history behind the pieces. We also have a great time, so watching us enjoy ourselves is reason enough to come out and see it."

Tickets are available for purchase at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton or Pharmasave in Minden. The cost is $15 per person, or $20 for an adult and child under 16 years of age. For more information about the Highlands Chamber Orchestra contact info@highlandschamberorchestra.ca.

Principal cellist Bethany Houghton said the orchestra has been preparing for their upcoming concert since early August./File photo

Helping out the Heat Bank

John Teljeur, left, from Heat Bank Haliburton and Food Hub Project accepts a cheque for $1,700 from Darryl Hudson from Dawson Insurance and Hudson Henderson Insurance. Dawson Insurance, which is owned by Hudson Henderson Insurance, raised the money for this donation from the annual Dawson Insurance Golf Tournament that was held this past June at the Pinestone Resort. Hudson would like to thank the participants and the sponsors of this event, Peel Mutual Insurance, Hartland Insurance and Economical Mutual for their support of this popular annual event. Ken Mott, right, the Wilberforce Food Hub project manager is also pleased with this generous donation.
/DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

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Italy: bellisimo!

I HAVE RECENTLY returned from a week in Italy touring the region of Agropoli and the Cilento Coast and the more well-known region the Amalfi Coast, which includes the towns of Positano, Amalfi, Capri, Sorrento, and my favourite, Maiori.

Transat provided nonstop flight from Toronto to Rome. There our group of travel agents was met by our local guide and transferred to our first destination: the city of Agropoli. This city is on the Tyrrhenian Sea near the port of Salerno. From here we toured the Cilento Coast. This included a visit to a water buffalo farm where I watched the famous Buffalo Mozzarella being produced. Luckily, tasting was included and we all enjoyed fresh mozzarella with tomatoes, basil and olive oil. Yum! Cooking classes were also included so I can now say I know how to make fresh pasta from scratch: ravioli stuffed with ricotta cheese, fettuccine with lemon and fresh peas washed down with local wine and lemoncello.

LINDA CONEYBEARE
Transat Travel

The remaining nights were spent at the beautiful Pietro de Luna Hotel in the coastal town of Maiori. I love this place. From here you can take a water taxi to neighbouring Positano or Amalfi or over the Bay of Sorrento to the island of Capri. The weather in mid-October was perfect: 23°C and sunny every day. It is close to the end of the tourist season there, so the crowds were gone, making sightseeing, shopping and eating (not necessarily in that order) very easy. One day was spent driving into the mountains to the beautiful town of Ravello. I would not recommend renting a car to drive the Amalfi roads unless you have a death wish! The local drivers have no fear, however. We held our breath a few times as our 16-passenger touring bus met a full size city bus. These encounters involved backing up to a slightly less narrow part of the road, then passing so closely we were literally inches away from collision. Then factor in motorcycles weaving in and out during this whole process. There are apparently no road rules for motorcycles, just "andiamo," or hurry up.

The Amalfi Coast is crowded in the summertime, much like Haliburton County, but by October most of the tourists have left. In my opinion this is the best time to visit Italy and the Amalfi Coast. I really was impressed by the hotel in Maiori, Pietro de Luna. Its location, right across the street from a walking boulevard (much like the Boulevard D'Anglais in Nice) and the sea, was perfect, offering glorious sunsets over the hills and coastline from my balcony. Restaurants and grocery stores were just a short walk away, as well as access to the water ferries to nearby towns. I will definitely return!

Our last night was a special indeed as we were hosted by the Amalfi tourist board at a beautiful cliffside restaurant. The structure was originally a Norman Watch Tower complete with Gothic arches like I had seen in buildings in Normandy. Such an historical atmosphere to soak in as I enjoyed my gourmet dinner and said my goodbyes to Italy – for now! I will be back!

The Amalfi Coast is splendid.

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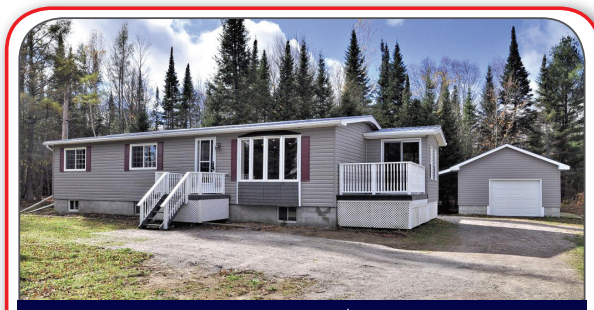

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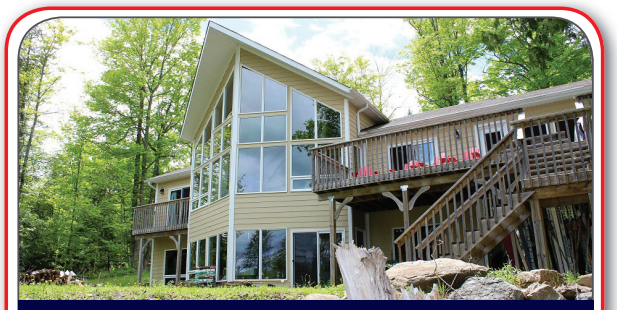

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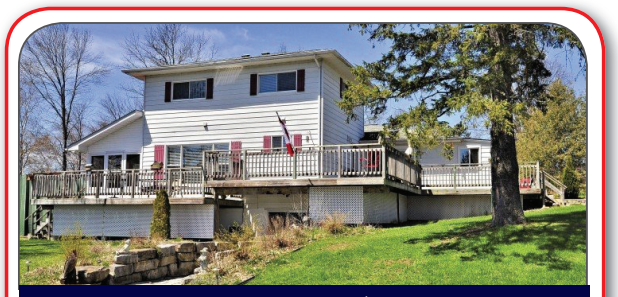

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County Life back copies enjoy their moment in the spotlight at Fashion Fallies on Friday, Nov. 10. This paper dress and hat, worn by Noelia Marziali, is called "Echo of Summer Times" and was created by Sandi Luck, who worked at the Echo and is a local artist. She used copies of County Life to create this piece for the runway. /JENN WATT Staff

If trees could talk

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

EVERY NOW and then someone writes an article or produces a documentary that suggests that trees can communicate with each other. I have a hard time believing that this is possible – but they still get the funding.

As for the trees, if they can talk they probably gossip. That's what every creature that can communicate does.

So here are 10 things I believe they might gossip about.

1. How they are so sick of watching the cedars bough.
2. How the oak trees are basically nuts.
3. How the pine trees always whisper.
4. How the maples are just so sappy.
5. How that ash tree is bored by the bugs.
6. How those birch are so thin-skinned.
7. How that beech is always trying to cover up her grey roots.
8. How the maple always loses her keys.
9. How that big old hemlock with the nesting cavities has junk in the trunk.
10. How those fallen apples are rotten to the core.

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What's your story?

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

Do you have a story to tell? Sure, we all do! Every day, we share tales from our lives and our imaginations and some of us choose to put these narratives down on paper.

At the Haliburton Highlands Museum, a huge part of the work we do is about storytelling and story collecting. We choose narratives to tell the story of our community to visitors while also learning from community members every day.

Each artifact and photo contains a story, if not several, and as result, the larger story of our community is always growing and changing.

Artifacts in the collection also inspire visitors to share their own stories. For instance, the stove in our downstairs gallery has led to accounts of not only wonderful baking, but even of babies born a little early who might not have survived if it wasn't for the warmth of such a stove in the house.

One of our most recent acquisitions, a vintage snowmobile, has encouraged visitors to relate tales of the early days of snowmobiles and their adventures when the trails were brand new. It has also led to me knowing more about the workings of snowmobiles than I ever thought I would!

In recent months, I've had the opportunity to meet many literary artists working in the county through the Arts Council's newly created Literary Arts Roundtable. I've been delighted to see the range of topics and genres these authors are putting their pens to – historical fiction, family history, children's literature and poetry, to name a few. It's so important that we support these authors by reading their work. Writing can often be a solitary creative pursuit, but it's exciting when this work is shared with an audience.

Speaking of audience, coming up in the New Year, the Haliburton Highlands Museum will be partnering with Rural Rogues Productions to present a fantastic new opportunity for writers – a playwrights course.

Writing for the stage involves a very specific skill set, because it's all about immediacy and action. We don't have the luxury of delving into a character's thoughts or the benefit of an omniscient narrator to help guide the audience.

Writing for theatre is immensely rewarding though because you actually get to see your characters come to life!

The course will run for six weeks beginning on Tuesday, Jan. 9 and will be led by playwright and director, Michael Clipperton. It will tackle every aspect of theatrical writing from formatting to stage directions and dialogue to characterization. Each participant will write a 15 to 20 minute scene which will be read by actors in a staged reading (open to the public) at the end of the session. The cost is only $10 per session for this amazing opportunity! For more details or to register, contact us at the museum (info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com). And in the meantime, you can ponder, what story will you tell?

Kate Butler is director of the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

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Event to build understanding of mind-body connection

NATE SMELLE
County Life Staff

As part of its Haliburton Highlands Community Education Series, Community Support Services is hosting two sessions on Wednesday, Nov. 22 focused on the mind/body connection. Beginning at 10 a.m., the morning session will take place at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce; and the afternoon session is to be held at the Haliburton Highlands Museum starting at 2 p.m. Co-organizer of the event Brigitte Gebauer said the programs will be led by three presenters, each providing insight on how participants can improve their overall health through practising mindfulness and understanding the mind/body connection. With a background in meditation, she has personally seen how mindfulness, along with physical and conscious movement can benefit people suffering from a variety of illnesses or conditions.

"What all the research is telling us now, is that the mind/body connection is such an important part of our health," she said.

"Things like mindfulness really improve your capacity to manage life and stress, and many illnesses. We thought it was an important topic to bring to the community. There's an awful lot of people out there who have health issues, and maybe using these approaches can help to mitigate those."

Yoga instructor Gail Holness is one of the three presenters scheduled for the event. When an individual becomes aware of their thoughts, Holness said that awareness manifests emotions within their body. Whether that emotion is based in anger or happiness, she said it will express itself in their body somehow.

"When we get an emotion, it's the emotions that move us to action," said Holness.

"Our body responds to those emotions, and depending on what they are, we can be contracting our muscles, increasing our blood flow to our hands and our legs, increasing our heart rate and our breath, or relaxing our arms and legs and increasing the blood flow to our gut. There are all kinds of different things that are happening when we are reacting to our thoughts."

Once an individual starts to become mindful of their thoughts and how they are reacting to them, she said that knowledge enhances their ability to make choices.

"When we practise mindfulness, we step back from those thoughts, so that a thought can happen," explained Holness.

"We can be calm while it's happening, and in that calmness, instead of just reacting like a reflex to our thoughts we can consider a different way of responding that's going to be healthier. Not just healthier physically, but healthier socially. It just multiples because you can't make a decision to do something without being mindful of what those actions are leading to – whether it's the food you eat or the argument you decide not to cause."

As a social worker with the Haliburton Family Health Team, Barb Fraser has also been teaching mindfulness through meditation. Her presentation will provide participants with details about what meditation and mindfulness is, using a program developed by Dr. Jackie Gardner-Nix at St. Michael's and Sunnybrook hospitals in Toronto. Fraser also plans to lead a brief meditation as a demonstration for those who would like to learn more and experience a meditation practice.

"I will review the benefits of mindfulness and mediation for health and well-being, particularly in helping to manage chronic pain," said Fraser,

"This includes emotional pain such as stress, anxiety and depression as well as physical pain that may be the result of an accident or injury, illness or health condition."

Yoga instructor Gail Holness is one of the three presenters scheduled for the Mind/Body Connection event. She sees mindfulness as a powerful and transformational tool that anyone can use if they take the time to engage with their thoughts. /Photo courtesy of Gail Holness

Client support co-ordinator with the Alzheimer's Society, Jennifer Stubbert is also scheduled to present. She will be speaking on the Minds in Motion program – a physical activity program with mental stimulation for people with dementia and their caregivers. Minds in Motion is designed to get individuals living with any form of memory loss out into their communities. She said they are also meant to help people enjoy fun and interactive programs in a safe and friendly environment. Stubbert pointed out how studies have shown that by taking part in both physical and mentally stimulating activities people can increase balance, mobility, flexibility and alertness; increase confidence; reduce isolation; and slow down the progression of dementia.

"Our hope is that this program will help to reduce the stigma that suggests that people with dementia no longer have the cognitive capacity to participate in programs or to contribute meaningfully within their community. This program strives to educate people about the importance of socialization, brain health, physical activity, and positive action to live well with memory loss or dementia."

For more information on the Mind/Body Connection event, and to register contact the Community Support Services office at 705-457-2941.

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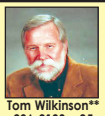
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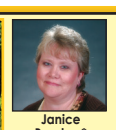

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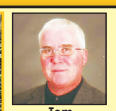

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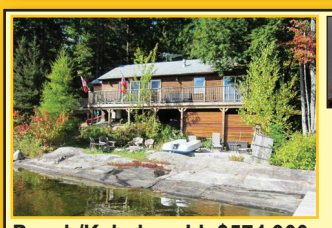

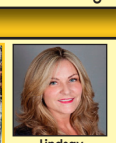

Lindsay Elder**
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Peach/Kabakwa Lk $574,900

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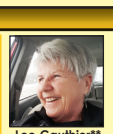
- Over 2 acres & 200 ft of water frontage
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths & hot tub!



Lee Gauthier**
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Kushog Lake $539,000

- Fully winterized 2000 sq. ft. West exposure
- 3 bedrooms/1 bathroom , very private
- Full unfinished basement, 2-car garage

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Kennisis Lake Rd $139,900

- 52.9 Acres of mixed hardwood & Hemlock
- Yr-round access, mins to West Guildford
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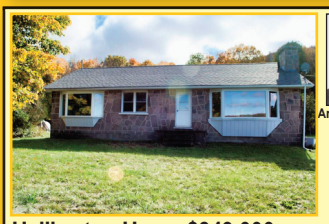

Andrew Hodgson***
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Haliburton Home $349,000

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- Amazing view over Head Lake + shop & garage
- Sits on a 1.3 acre lot with nice backyard

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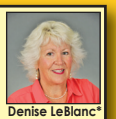

Denise LeBlanc*
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Highway 35 $99,000

- 3.5 acre property with 778 feet of frontage
- Building site is cleared, driveway installed
- Well treed, easy access & close to Minden

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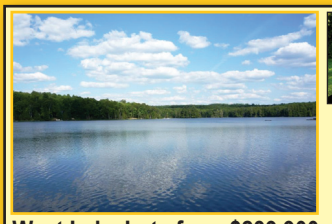
Gooderham Lake $269,000

- 2 bedroom log cabin on the lake
- Lovely screened porch to enjoy nature
- 100 feet waterfront, sand & rock



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- 3 beautiful waterfront lots to choose from
- Access via township road, terrific building sites
- Suitable for home or cottage location

Brandon Nimigon
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Lake Lorraine $114,000

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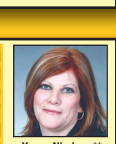

Karen Nimigon**
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Minden Lake $339,000

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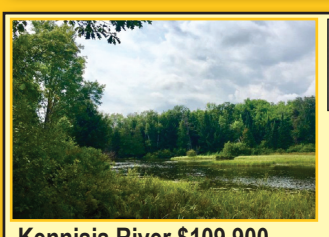
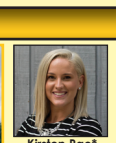
- 3 Bdrms, open concept, stunning lake views
- Sits near the lake, entry to deep water





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Kennisis River $109,900

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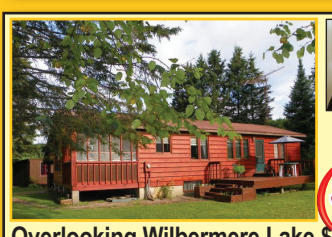

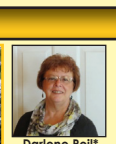

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Overlooking Wilbermere Lake ~~$289,000~~

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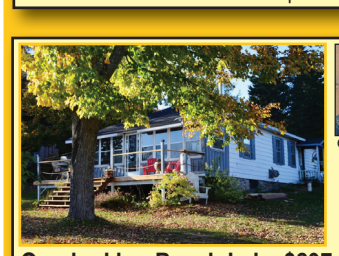

Christine Sharp*
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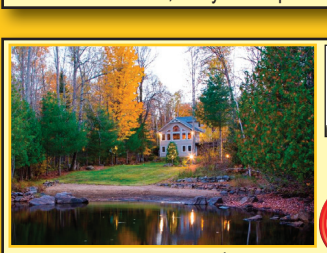
Overlooking Beech Lake $297,500

- Perfect size year round cottage or home
- 2 bedroom + 2 story bunkie & lots of updates
- 100' of sandy beach & dock across the road



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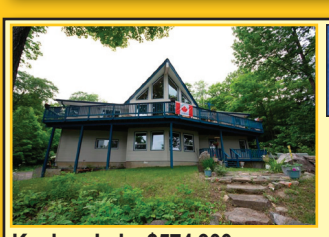

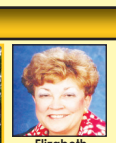

Elizabeth Thompson*
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Kushog Lake $574,900

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New book provides look into royal life in Victorian era

NATE SMELLE
County Life Staff

Local author Peter Farrell first came across the diary of George Fleming when he was given a copy by his mother, Betty Winifred Farrell, nee Cleave – great granddaughter of George and Mary Ann Fleming. Written in old English, with minimal punctuation, strange spelling and repetitive detail, he said it made for a very difficult read.

In the diary, Fleming, a servant to the royal household, kept an almost daily record, which included several references to his interactions with Queen Victoria at a very young age.

Fascinated by the historical significance contained within the pages of this rare archive, Farrell began studying the document in great detail.

When his mother passed away three years ago, he decided to share this window into the past with the world. He opened the window this summer with the release of his book *George Fleming, Faithful Servant*, which is available on Amazon, Kindle and in paperback.

"In the early years George 'knew his place,' but after [her husband] Prince Albert died he obviously helped the Queen get through her long period of mourning, being one of the few people remaining close to her on whom she could absolutely rely. Eventually he became quite senior in the household, hobnobbing with Knights of the Realm as a matter of routine. Yet historically George is faceless," Farrell said.

Noticing that his mother had already started editing the document, Farrell decided to continue her work by cutting all the repetitive detail and re-writing the entire document in modern terms. By carefully sticking to the facts, he said the resulting abridgement made for much easier reading than the original diary. It also clearly showed that for more than 55 years George and Mary Ann Fleming weren't just servants to the royal family, they were almost part of the family.

Whenever Farrell returned to his parents' home in Cornwall for the holidays, he found himself discussing the diary with his mother. Causing her to remember stories that her father, Thomas Arthur William Cleave – cousin to Alfred Fleming – had told her about when she was young, these conversations revealed how close the ties were between the royal family and Farrells. They also unearthed a local connection to this chapter of previously untold royal history.

"She had a particular interest in the Canadian Fleming descendants, because as a young man 'Artie' Cleave had gone off to Wilberforce for a year or two in order to get over the death of his first wife. Supposedly he worked as a lumberjack, but he was a carpenter/builder by trade and might have been building houses. Also, she regularly corresponded with Jeannie, Alfred's youngest daughter, who kindly sent us parcels of candy, comics, etc., during World War Two," he said.

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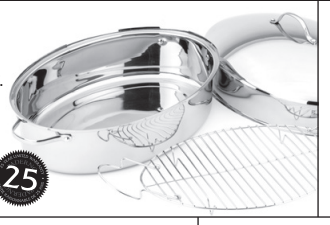

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Diary offers details of Queen Victoria's life

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While conducting research for the book, Farrell said he began to think like a police detective – analyzing and fact-checking every item of information for authenticity. He found that the deeper he dug into his research, the more compelling the story became.

Enjoying this part of the process, he said he eventually had to stop researching and get down to writing.

"I can only tell you that research into a family's history, using the technology available today, is a fascinating and rewarding exercise. In fact, deciding when to stop researching and get on with writing one's book is not easy, because one can go on and on forever finding little pieces of the jigsaw puzzle.

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>
> — Peter Farrell

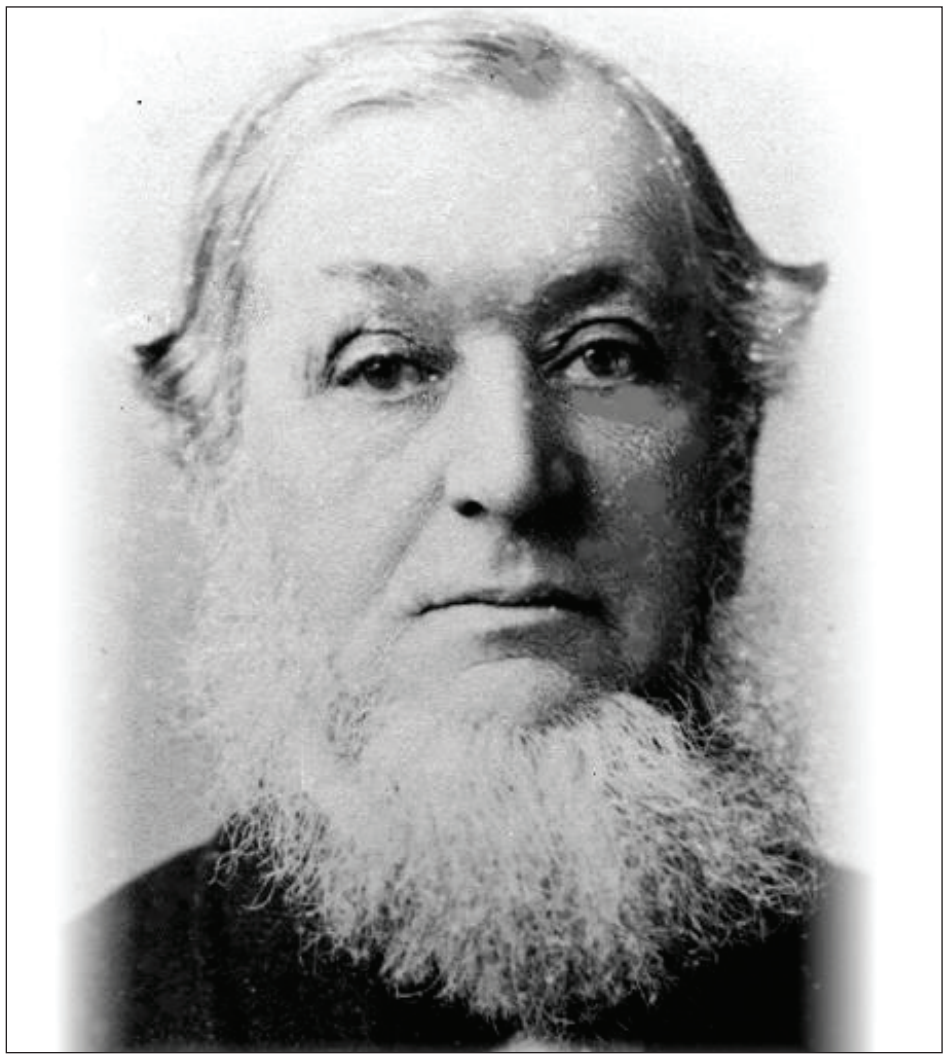
My research into George and his family revealed connections that became more interesting than the main subject and I had to tell myself that the longer I delayed, the more I risked never publishing."

Farrell understands that a non-fiction, historical account of a relatively ordinary family – the Flemings and their wider family – is not going to appeal to the general public, however, he expects the book's "co-star," Queen Victoria, to garner the attention of a larger audience.

Though popular, Farrell said most of the movies and TV series about her only contain threads of truth. Because they are aiming for big box-office revenues opposed to historical accuracy, he said these productions usually end up being semi-fictitious and grossly exaggerated stories about the Queen and her inner circle. Similarly, according to Farrell the numerous books and articles on the life of Queen Victoria and her family also tend to be based primarily on hearsay.

"Little has ever been written about her as a human being, based on first-hand knowledge, and George's diary is virtually unique in that respect," said Farrell.

"Of course, because the original docu ment cannot be published in its entirety, readers of my book might suspect that I have used 'poetic licence' to excess, whereas I have stuck strictly to the facts as recorded by George, allowing myself only to make assumptions where human emotions must surely have been involved."



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Minden lights up with delights Nov. 17

SUE TIFFIN
County Life Staff

A somewhat-spontaneous town celebration in Minden Hills last year gathered the community together and quite literally lit up the downtown area at what would be the first annual Lights and Delights event.

Sinclair Russell approached the Minden Hills events committee with the idea just a few weeks before the event happened, in November 2016.

"I thought, we're putting up all these lights on Main Street, wouldn't it be great if they all came on at the same time to make an event of it," said Russell. "It worked."

Carollers roamed the streets, neighbours met and caught up, music filled the Village Green and kids lined up for free popcorn and hot chocolate waiting for the lights decorating lampposts to be lit.

"People came and enjoyed themselves," said Russell. "It was really lovely because it was kind of a community spirit thing. It was almost accidental, which is really and truly the best way, because you can plan things to death and if one thing goes wrong, everyone thinks, 'oh, that doesn't work.' But if everything goes impromptu, it works."

"It was really, really, really lovely," he said.

The success of the event ensured it's happening again this year – Stan Russell will play music in the Village Green, marshmallows can be roasted in a bonfire, carollers will fill the streets with song, treats will be offered, and some stores will stay open late.

A major change this year is that a portion of Bobcaygeon Road will be closed down from crosswalk to crosswalk, making more room for the town to mingle.

"It's going to be wonderful," said Elisha Weiss, community development co-ordinator. "It just felt like you were walking in a movie, like *It's a Wonderful Life*. Everyone was walking about, there was music, it was nice to see the community come together for a night and enjoy the moments of the holidays."

Lights and Delights takes place on Minden's main street downtown from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17. Mayor Brent Devolin will speak and a countdown to the lights being lit will occur at 6:30.

For more information about the event or to volunteer, contact Weiss at 705-286-2298.

> "It just felt like you were walking in a movie"
>
> — Elisha Weiss

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Where: Haliburton Museum
Speaker: Martin Hofland. On his book and experience

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When: Saturday, Nov. 18
Where: Minden Community Centre
Social: 5:30 p.m. - Dinner: 6:30 p.m., dinner and auction
Music by The Highlands Trio. Sponsored by The Minden Rotary Club. Tickets $40. Call Mary at 705-286-6676.

Therapeutic Touch Workshop Level 3 (Learn or Refresh)
When: Saturday, Nov. 18, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
For more information please contact Susan Keith, RN/TTRT, 705-457-3981 or email ch.concepts@sympatico.ca.

Pet Photos with Santa at the Minden Animal Hospital
When: Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
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Haliburton Legion presents The Kingfishers in the Clubroom
When: Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017, 4 to 7 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
Cost: $5.00 cover charge for non-members
50/50 draw at 6:00 pm
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Outlaws, Lovers and Heroes
When: Saturday, Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m.
Location: The Northern Lights Pavilion
Tickets: $15 for adults and $20 for an adult with a child under 16. Available from orchestra members, at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and at Minden Pharmasave.
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When: Tuesday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Highlands Museum
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Where: Coboconk Community Centre, 9 Grandy Rd., Coboconk
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Where: Wilberforce's Lloyd Watson Centre at 10 a.m.; Haliburton's museum at 2 p.m.
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Incumbents fall by wayside as voters return fresh slate

Incumbents fell by the wayside as voters in Anson, Hindon and Minden returned an entirely fresh slate to the municipal council for the next three years. In all races, candidates who had served on the previous council were weeded from the ballot as voters chose to send a completely new slate to the 1985-88 council table.

Many of the races were close, but none was more surprising than the rejection by the voters of Deputy-Reeve Ed Pergolas. He was defeated by challenger Brendan Berube by a 752-679 margin.

In the race for reeve, Sinc Nesbitt managed to defeat Gary Kenney for the top position by 37 votes. Nesbitt, who has served as reeve of the township in the past and was defeated for the position in 1980, captured 763 votes. Kenney, an outspoken councillor received 726 votes. Nesbitt had also been reeve in Stanhope Township and served as Warden of Haliburton County.

There was only one incumbent running for the three seats on the municipal council. Pat Burk polled the fewest votes of the five candidates with 525 votes.

The reeve of the present council, Lyle McKnight, was also defeated in his quest for a seat on council. He had decided not to contest the reeve's chair this time following a stroke earlier this year. Following the health problem, the reeve returned to the chair, but indicated it would be best for the municipality if he did not take on the rigorous chores associated with the reeve's position. McKnight polled 804 votes in Tuesday's election, just 18 shy of the last seat in the council race.

Leading the race for the three council seats was Bern Berry with 856 votes. Berry had made his first attempt at a council seat last election and had placed in fifth place in a field of eight. Bob Sisson took second place in the race, capturing 833 votes. This was his first attempt at municipal politics. The third member of the council for the next three years will be Verne Graham, who captured 822 votes.

None of the three councillors-elect had served on a municipal council in the past.

The voters in the municipality were also asked to decide whether they wished to have a ward system. The idea was rejected by a solid majority of voters, 844 to 542.

There are 5634 eligible voters in the municipality. 1510 voted in this election, representing a turnout of 26.75%.

The two positions on the Haliburton County Board of Education for the municipality were filled by acclamation. John Cooper and Wendy Ladurantaye were appointed to the posts.

For more results from this municipality and others in the Highlands, please turn to page 2.

Flags dipped in respect during the minute of silence, members of the Kinmount Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion remember those who never returned home from conflict overseas. The Kinmount ceremony was one of a number held in the area during the past weekend.

The County remembers

Hundreds of veterans, residents, and young people throughout Haliburton County paused during the weekend to pay tribute to the soldiers who died for Canada. Ceremonies were held in Kinmount, Wilberforce, Minden and Haliburton to honour the soldiers.

The services in Minden and Kinmount were held on Sunday.

Braving cool temperatures and gusty winds, members of Branch 129 of the Royal Canadian Legion led a contingent of marchers to the county cairn erected next to the Minden Cultural Centre. After the playing of the last post, wreaths, in memory of the war dead, were placed at the foot of the monument. Those laying wreaths included Mrs. Mary Cox of Minden, representing the Province of Ontario,

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Agency funds study into tourism project

A study into the feasibility of an extensive tourism facility west of Minden could result in a multi-million dollar development for the area.

A joint press release, issued by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Recreation and the federal ministry of Tourism announced that funding for the feasibility study would be shared between the two agencies and the private developer.

The $13,800 grant will be matched by Nick Florian the owner of Onondaga Camp, located on Middle Bob Lake in Lutterworth Township. The proposed tourist facility will be located across the lake from the camp on the western shore. The lake is currently reached by Deep Bay Road and Rackety Trail.

Mr. Florian is the owner of Middle Bob Lake Ltd., the company under which the study is being carried out. A spokesman for the federal ministry involved, Wayne St. John, said the firm of Marshall, Macklin and Monaghan Ltd., of Toronto would be carrying out the study. St. John said the company is a respected member of the tourist management consulting field.

Provincial tourism minister, Victoria - Haliburton MPP John Eakins and his federal counterpart, Jack Murta, shared in announcing the grant.

The Times has learned that the study will be examining the potential for a resort catering to the mature adult market. It would operate much the same as other resorts in the Highlands with accommodation, recreation and dining facilities included in the project.

A spokesman said it was impossible to determine the size of the development and it was hoped that the study results might offer some indication of the extent of the project. A resort catering to 50 or more couples is one option apparently under consideration.

The resort would provide a variety of recreational activities and skills development programs.

Mr. Florian was out of the province at the time of the announcement and unavailable for comment on the project.

A spokesman for the federal ministry said he expected the study to be completed by early January at which time the owner of the property would have to decide whether to proceed with the undertaking. He described Mr. Florian as a proven succesful operator in the tourism field and suggested his experience and know-how were two reasons the two agencies agreed to share in the funding of the study.

The funding is being made available through the Tourism Development Program of the Canada-Ontario Economic and Regional Development Agreement, which was signed last fall by the two governments.

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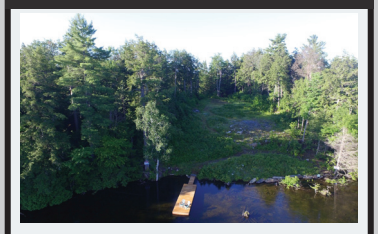

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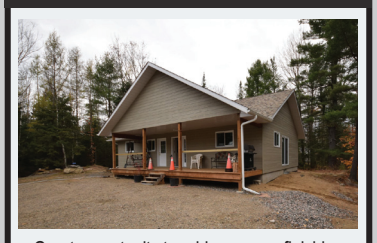

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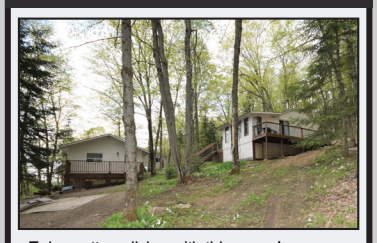

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